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Dear Mr. Moore:

On behalf of the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, I want to express our appreciation for your letter of December 14, 2007 regarding the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council's (NEJAC) interest in the Environmental Justice Strategic Enforcement Assessment Tool (EJSEAT). We appreciate your support of our efforts to develop a consistent approach to identify potential areas of environmental justice concern. We also appreciate your desire to be a partner to OECA by providing advice and recommendations to improve the tool's comprehensiveness, efficacy and accuracy. We welcome your desire to establish a workgroup to facilitate the development of such advice and recommendations.

Based upon our discussions with the NEJAC and others, OECA is currently evaluating approaches to testing the EJSEAT tool to gain practical experience regarding its use. OECA will be working with EPA's regional and headquarter offices to design and conduct these tests during the rest of FY08. We consider NEJAC to be an important source of expertise as we embark upon this process, and will seek your input as we move forward. To facilitate your ability to provide advice and recommendations, we intend to convene a NEJAC workgroup by the end of February 2008.

As you know, I have been a strong advocate of the principle of meaningful involvement and we look forward to your continued input on this important project.

Sincerely,

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